

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Present: Kathy Bagley, Agnes Bolasevich, Lisa Galipo, Patricia Garach, Kathi Liberman, Tony Martino, Joe Mehan, Claire Mehan, Christine Taylor, Erica Texeira,

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm.

Minutes: Minutes from the March 19, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously: motion by Chris Taylor, 2nd by Lisa Galipo.

Public Comments:

Trish Garach reported that she is working on getting signatures on a petition regarding the need for transportation for local senior trips. She plans to present the petition at the April 20th Town Council meeting. She has also sent questions for response to Kathy Bagley.

Old Business:

- **Financial Update:** Lisa Galipo reported there is a balance of \$1,000 left in our account. The remaining Senior Center ads in the Rare Reminder which will be placed before the end of the fiscal year will cost \$400. Lisa will request a check for \$100 be cut for the stipend for the main speaker at the SCAC May event. This will leave a balance of \$500 in our account, some of which will be needed for food and supplies for the May event. The group discussed contributing to the cost of the license to show weekly movies in the Senior Center. Claire Mehan moved that any remaining balance in the SCAC account be used to contribute to the cost of the license. Joe Mehan seconded and the motion passed.
- **Committee Membership:** Kathi Liberman noted there remains one vacancy on this committee.

New Business:

- Lisa updated the group on the planning for the SCAC event. Speakers will include the Crazy Coupon Chick, dietitians from UConn & ShopRite and the manager from Savers. Food will be provided by October Kitchen. Boxed lunches which can be used for door prizes will be provided by Elmwood Kitchen. Other vendors who will provide resources include CT Transit, ADA Paratransit, the Wethersfield library, SNAP and Eversource. Lisa will send a letter outlining the details of the afternoon to all participants.
- Kathy Bagley reminded the committee of the upcoming Memorial Day Parade on May 23rd at 9am and the Cove Park Fireworks on May 30th.

Committee Reports:

Council Liaison Tony Martino reported:

- There is a plan to combine Town and Council data processing divisions to save money. This will happen as of 7/1/15.

- The Council will meet with department heads on 4/25 regarding department budgets.
- The Council will be looking for cuts in the budget which currently calls for a 4% increase given bonds for the high school, the superintendent's budget and department head budgets.

Wethersfield Housing Authority: Kathi Liberman reported

- The Food Share program is continuing, as there is a growing need in our community.

Clergy: Pastor Chris Skowronek was absent.

Elderly Services Coordinator/Municipal Agent: Chris Taylor reported

- The Rent Rebate program has begun. Outreach to senior housing begins in May.
- The Tax Relief Program for Homeowners continues through May 15.
- Social Services is still taking Energy Assistance applications. Funds are limited and the deadline is May 1.
- The United Methodist Army will be coming to town the week of 7/12 and can handle 30 projects including minor home repairs and construction. 14 projects are already planned.
- The Senior Mastery Games will begin in May.
- May is Older Americans Month and she will invite Commissioner Elizabeth Ritter from the State Dept. on Aging to our SCAC event.
- There will be a "Not So Empty Nest Program" for grandparents raising grandchildren on May 19 at the Plainville Senior Center.

People with Disabilities: Chris Taylor reported:

- There are five openings on the People with Disabilities committee.
- Last night's meeting included discussion about transportation.
- Upcoming events include the May 2nd fishing derby and the May 17th Special Olympics.
- A thank you note from the Senior Center for the armchairs that were generously provided by the Committee was read at the meeting.

Wethersfield Seniors Club: Agnes Bolasevich reported:

- The Club currently has approximately 300 members. Numbers are still coming in from the Setback and golf groups.
- The Installation banquet will be held in June.

Senior Center: Lisa Galipo reported:

- Lisa distributed and reviewed the May newsletter. Upcoming events of interest include the continuing Lunch & Learn series, a new Mindful Meditation 4-week workshop, and several bus trips.

There will be no May meeting due to the SCAC annual event on 5/21.

A motion to adjourn was made by Claire Mehan, 2nd by Chris Taylor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Galipo